

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/764,613
Reply to Office Action mailed November 8, 2005

Remarks:

Applicant has read and considered the Office Action dated November 8, 2005. In the Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed on the application. The Office Action stated that the application included two inventions, namely:

Invention I, claims 1-11, drawn to an ultrasonic transducer; and
Invention II, claims 12-17, drawn to a level measuring apparatus.

The Office Action stated that the groups are related as combination and subcombination and that Restriction for examination purposes was indicated as proper.

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-11, with traverse. Applicant asserts that the transducer and measuring apparatus are related and can be searched and examined together. Applicants request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

Claims 12-17 have now been withdrawn. However, Applicant requests that the claims be reinstated if the Restriction Requirement is lifted.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's Representative at (612) 336-4728.



Respectfully submitted,

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